

**Camden Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
July 20, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Grove, Vice Chairperson Deborah Dodge, Morgan Laidlaw, Martin Cates, Town Manager Roberta Smith, and Town Attorney William Kelly. Also present were members of the press and public.

ABSENT: Board Member John French

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1. Public input on non-agenda items.

- a. Board member Deborah Dodge announced that there will be an open house next week Monday-Friday at the Camden Public Library. The library received a \$25,000 grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation and they would like to show the public the improvements done at the library with the funds.

2. Minutes of June 15, 2010 and July 6, 2010. The Board reviewed the minutes.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Board minutes of June 15, 2010 with one noted correction. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Board minutes of July 6, 2010 with noted corrections. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Chairperson Grove read the rules and regulations for conducting public hearings in preparation of the public hearings to be held this evening.

3. Public Hearing regarding an application of Fred Blake and ADF, Inc. at 44 Bay View Street to extend an existing wharf approximately 10 feet in the inner harbor. A public hearing was held concerning the application of Fred Blake and ADF, Inc. to add 10 feet to an existing private wharf. Gary Neville, representing Fred Blake explained the plan is to add 10 feet x 16 feet to the end of the existing wharf. Basically the wharf will go from one end of the property to the other. He explained the application meets the review criteria set forth in the Harbor & Waterways Ordinance. They have received approval from MDEP, the Camden Planning Board, the Harbor Committee and the US Army Corp of Engineers. The abutting neighbors have written a letter in support of the project and this is the last step in the process. He explained the design details of the addition to the wharf.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any proponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any opponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove closed the public portion of the hearing, and Board questions followed.

Gilbert Norton – 109 Bay View Street – stated that a public right of way access was deeded by the Doolittle's many years ago and asked if this project will affect that.

Gary Neville explained that it his understanding that this easement will be left to the Town forever.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the following criteria as set forth in Article VI, Section 7, F (1) of the Harbor Waterways Ordinance:

- a) The proposed project will not encroach into, interfere with or pose a hazard to navigational channels as found by the ruling by MDEP and the Harbor Committee.*
- b) The project will not interfere with access to and from existing mooring and berthing areas for both commercial and recreation uses as wharf is going in empty space and has been found to meet this criteria by the Harbor Committee.*
- c) The proposed project will not displace or eliminate the existing mooring and berthing areas, public and private, commercial or recreational as there is no existing mooring and berthing area in this location where the proposed wharf is.*
- d) The project will not interfere with public access to and use of the Harbor waters as this is a privately owned area.*

Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Morgan Laidlaw made a motion to approve the application of Fred Blake and ADF, Inc. at 44 Bay View Street to extend an existing wharf approximately 10 feet in the inner harbor. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

4. Public Hearing on the following liquor license and special amusement permit

applications: The application for The Chichi Chef has been reviewed and approved by the Police Department. There were no incidents reported to the Police Department over the past year. Items b & c were tabled for a Special Select Board meeting on Monday, August 2, 2010.

- a. Susie Laidlaw, d/b/a The Chichi Chef at 34 Hosmer Pond Road for a renewal Class I Liquor License to serve alcoholic beverages as a qualified caterer for off premise functions.
- b. Application of Quarterdeck, Inc. d/b/a Cuzzy's at 21 Bay View Street for a Class XI Spirituous, Vinous and Malt Liquor License. **(Tabled)**
- c. Application of Christopher Cousins, d/b/a Cuzzy's at 21 Bay View Street for a Special Amusement Permit. **(Tabled)**

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any proponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any opponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove closed the public portion of the hearing, no Board discussion followed.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the liquor license application for the Chichi Chef. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 3-1-0 vote. (Laidlaw abstained – spouse's liquor license application).

Deborah Dodge made a motion to table the public hearings for Cuzzy's applications until August 2, 2010. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

5. **Consideration of the following applications for renewal victualer licenses:** Manager Smith reported all applications have been reviewed and approved by the Codes Officer and the Fire Chief. It should be noted on the Zoot's Coffee application they increased their seating from 33 to 16. The Code Officer is only approving 33 seats because they have not contacted him about changing the number of seats. He has attempted to contact them a few times but he has not received a call back from the owners.
- a. **Gerald Gabriele, d/b/a Marriner's Restaurant at 35 Main Street**
 - b. **Sondra Hamilton, d/b/a Zoot's Coffee at 31 Elm Street**
 - c. **Christopher Cousins, d/b/a Cuzzy's at 21 Bay View Street**

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Victualer's License renewals as listed. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

6. **Review of committee vacancies:**

- a. **Redesignation of CEDAC memberships.** Manager Smith reported at the last meeting the Select Board appointed Don Abbott as a regular member and Mike Tyler as an alternate member to the CEDAC. CEDAC is requesting that those appointments being switched around.

Martin Cates made a motion to appoint Mike Tyler as a regular member with a term to expire June 2013; and to reappoint Don Abbott as an alternate member with a term to expire June 2011. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

- b. **Review committee vacancies.** For the residents at home watching the meeting and the public in the audience, Deb Dodge announced the vacancies available on town committees and gave a brief description of what each committee/board does.
- c. **Consideration of appointment of Kit Parker as a regular member to the Historic Resources Committee.**

Morgan Laidlaw made a motion to appoint Kit Parker as a regular member with a term to expire June 2013. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

7. **Consideration of Chestnut Street Baptist Church to use the Village Green on Sunday mornings from 10:50 am - 11:15 am through the end of August for 15-20 children to play games.** Manager Smith reported this is an annual request by the Church to use the Village Green.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the request for use of the Village Green for the Chestnut Street Baptist Church. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

8. **Consideration of the following Taxi Cab Driver License applications:** Manager Smith reported that the background investigations have been completed and the Police Chief has signed off on the applications.
- a. **Ricky Simpson**
 - b. **Mary Jane Timmons**

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the applications a & b as listed above. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

9. Consideration of Taxicab Business License for Barbara Simpson, d/b/a Hit the Road.

Manager Smith reported the background investigation has been completed and the Police Chief has signed off on the application.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Taxicab Business License for Hit the Road. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

10. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) between the Knox County Sheriff's Office, the City of Rockland, and the Towns of Rockport, Thomaston, and Camden.

Manager Smith reported in the Board's packet was a memo from Chief Roberts relative to this MOU and grant program, along with a copy of the agreement that has been approved by the other listed agencies. There is no local match required for these grant funds and the Camden Police Department will receive an additional \$1527 because they are the lead agency and have agreed to do the administration of the grant.

Morgan Laidlaw made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Justice Assistance Grants. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

11. Consideration of election of MMA's Vice President and Executive Committee.

Martin Cates made a motion to vote for Clint Deschene from the Town of Hermon as MMA's Vice President. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Martin Cates made a motion to vote for Michelle Beal from the Town of Machias, Marston Lovell from the City of Saco, and Robert Yandow from the Town of York as MMA Executive Committee Members. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Historic Resources Committee: Board member Dodge reported at the last meeting Kit Parker volunteered to fill the vacant regular member term. The committee is continuing having conversations about working on the archives on the 2nd floor of the library. They also talked about restoring the Fletcher Steele model of the Amphitheater.
- b. Planning Board: Deborah Dodge reported the proposed ordinance amendments necessary to permit a Conference Center in the Coastal Residential Districts of Camden have been withdrawn. They are continuing to work on ordinance amendments for November. They will be hearing a new request for timber harvesting at the next meeting
- c. CEDAC: Martin Cates reported at the next committee they will be nominating a new Chair and Vice Chair for CEDAC. The meetings have now shifted to the 2nd & 4th Thursdays to coordinate efforts with Matthew Eddy's schedule.

13. Manager's Report

- a. The Town has submitted a grant application for the Seabright Hydro upgrades.

- b. The Town has received the edits for the Request for Proposals from MDOT regarding the Gateway 1 grant – Business Inventory. The RFP will be sent out to tomorrow.
- c. The Town was not chosen for the SHIP Grant for Steamboat Landing improvements. Even though our grant rated high and our local match was high they chose grants that created more jobs.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to adjourn as Select Board and reconvene as Board of Assessors. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

AS BOARD OF ASSESSORS:

1. **Review of 2011 Preliminary State Valuation:** Manager Smith reported that Wesley Robinson, Assessors' Agent agrees with the states value and does not recommend appealing.

At 7:55 pm Deborah Dodge made motion to adjourn the meeting. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Esancy
Recording Secretary